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Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1, 2, and 3 (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 ~~[[3]]~~ wherein said coarse aggregate is defined as enriched limestone waste and is a processed by-product of the manufacture of crushed limestone of regular sizes, said process including washing and sizing this by-product, the physical properties of this coarse aggregate being in accordance with requirements of ASTM C33.

Claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (cancelled)

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11. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 [[3]] with the coarse aggregate defined as enriched limestone waste wherein the compressive strength of said concrete is substantially as high or higher than that of concrete of the same consumption of cement and twice as high consumption of admixture with crushed granite of regular sizes No. 57 and No. 67, respectively, as a coarse aggregate, while the flexural strength of this concrete is higher than that for concrete of the same consumption of cement with crushed granite of regular sizes as a coarse aggregate.

12. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 [[3]] wherein concrete mix design is determined by the value of 28-day modulus of rupture equal to the mean value of 28-day flexural strength according to Portland Cement Association Engineering Bulletin EB 109P, the mean value of flexural strength being estimated $9.42\sqrt{f_{cr}'}$ where f_{cr}' is the mean value of 28-day compressive strength defined according to American Building Code ACI 318 as required average 28-day compressive strength and equal to $f_{cr}' + 1.34s$ where f_{cr}' and s are specified compressive strength and standard deviation of this strength, respectively.

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13. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 12 wherein mix design corresponding to 28-day values of modulus of rupture (MR) equal to 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, and 750 psi can be carried out according to the values corresponding to the 28-day values of specified compressive strength f_c' equal to 2,000, 2,500, 3,000, 3,500, 4,000, 4,500, and 5,000 psi, respectively.

Claims 14 and 15 (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) A concrete of specified compressive strength f_c' and modulus of rupture up to 5,000 psi and more than 750 psi, respectively, with small grains crushed limestone finer than 9.5 mm of grading intermediate between the least size of coarse aggregate No. 89 and largest size No. 9 of fine aggregate according to ASTM C33 as a coarse aggregate wherein:

the physical properties of this coarse aggregate are in accordance with requirements of ASTM C33;

the amount of said coarse aggregate finer than 4.75 mm is about two-thirds of the total weight of aggregate according to ASTM C33;

the amount of said coarse aggregate finer than 2.36 mm corresponding to the sieve No. 8 according to ASTM C33 does not exceed about 10% of the total weight of aggregate;

the amount of said coarse aggregate finer than 1.18 mm corresponding to

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the sieve No. 16 according to ASTM C33 does not exceed about 7% of the total weight of the aggregate;

the amount of said coarse aggregate finer than 300 μ m corresponding to the sieve No. 50 according to ASTM C33 does not exceed about 3.0% of the total weight of aggregate;

the share of cement per M³ of said concrete mix being in the range of 175 to 600 Kg per M³;

the share of water per M³ of said concrete mix being in the range of 140 to 225 kg;

the share of sand as a fine aggregate being in the range of 500 - 980 Kg per M³; and

the share of coarse aggregate being in the range of 1020 to 1150 Kg per M³.

Claims 17 and 18 (cancelled)

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19. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 ~~45~~ of specified compressive strength f_c' in the range from 2,000 psi to 5,000 psi, cone Abrams slump of said concrete mix as an index of the workability of said concrete mix without water-reducing admixture is in the range from 5 cm to 9 cm, the water/cement ratio of said concrete mix is in the range from 0.4 to 0.8, the amount of cement of compressive strength about 50 Mpa at the 28 day age is in the range from 270 - 600 Kg per M³ of said concrete mix, sand of fineness modulus equal to 2.0 as a fine aggregate is in the range from 500 to 800 Kg per M³ of said concrete mix, water is in the range from 215 to 225 Kg per M³ of said concrete mix. and said coarse aggregate is in the range from 1,020 to 1,040 Kg per M³ of said concrete mix.

20. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 ~~45~~ of specified compressive strength f_c' in the range from 2,000 psi to 5,000 psi, cone Abrams slump of concrete mix as an index of the workability of said concrete mix with water-reducing admixture of mid-class is in the range from 5 cm to 9 cm, the water/cement ratio of said concrete mix is in the range from 0.4 to 0.8, the amount of cement of compressive strength about 50 Mpa at the 28 day age, water, sand of fineness modulus equal to 2.0 as a fine aggregate, and said coarse aggregate in kilograms per cubic meter of concrete mix are in the ranges from 215 to 500, from 170 to 185, from 625 to 900, and from 1,080 to 1,120, respectively.

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21. (currently amended) The concrete of claim 16 ~~45~~ of specified compressive strength f_c in the range from 2,000 psi to 5,000 psi, concrete mix slump in the range from 5 cm to 9 cm as an index of the workability of said concrete mix with a plasticizer as admixture, and the water/cement ratio in the range from 0.8 to 0.4, the amounts of cement of compressive strength about 50 Mpa in the 28 day age, water, sand of fineness modulus equal to 2.0 as a fine aggregate, and said coarse aggregate in kilograms per cubic meter of fresh concrete mix are in the ranges from 175 to 420, from 140 to 155, from 720 to 980, and from 1,120 to 1,150, respectively.

22. (cancelled)

23. (cancelled)

24. (new) The concrete of claim 16 wherein the coarse aggregate is defined as enriched limestone waste and compressive strength is higher at least by 10% than that of concrete of the same consumption of cement with small grains crushed limestone as a coarse aggregate of grading corresponding to the least size of coarse aggregate No. 89 and the largest size of fine aggregate No. 9.

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